

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-17 have been allowed. By this Response, claim 17 is amended.

By this Response applicants correct a minor error in the preamble of claim 17 which should not affect the allowability of claim 17 and the present application.


If necessary, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' representative to address any issues that arise from the amendment to claim 17.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad Billings Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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